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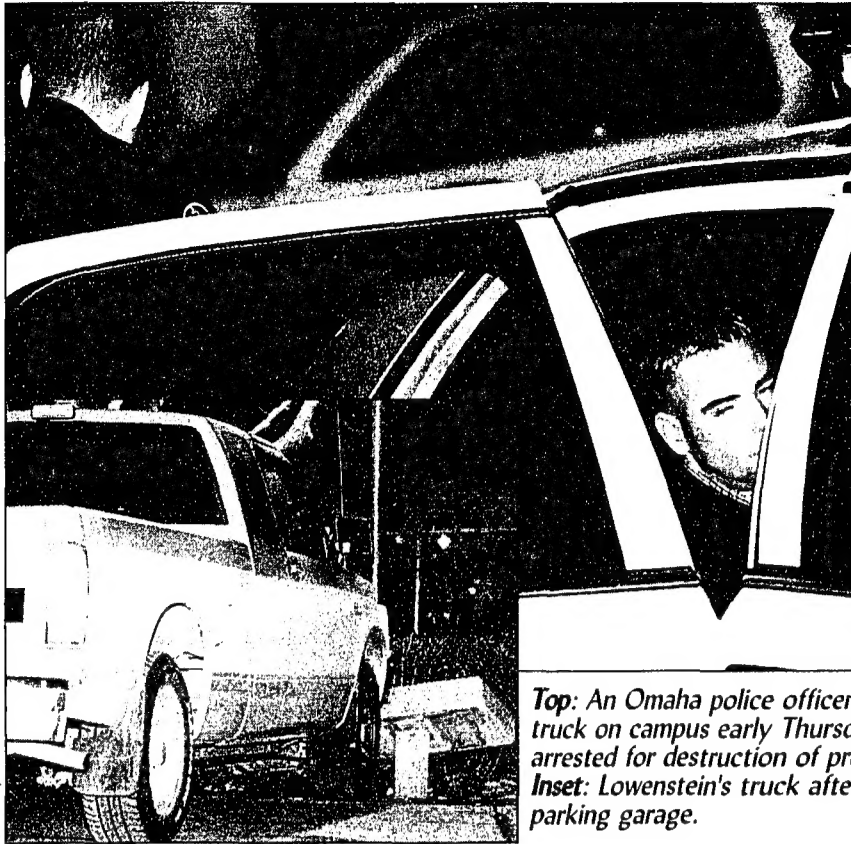
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Top: An Omaha police officer talks with former UNO student James Loewenstein. Loewenstein, 22, crashed his truck on campus early Thursday morning. He then led police on a foot chase through Elmwood Park. He was arrested for destruction of property, reckless driving and suspicion of driving under the influence.
Inset: Loewenstein's truck after he crashed it into a stone bench located between Arts and Sciences Hall and the parking garage.

Former UNO student crashes car on campus

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A former UNO student crashed his truck on campus early Thursday morning after failing to pull over for Omaha police.

Omaha police attempted to stop James Loewenstein, 22, for speeding and making an illegal U-turn near 64th and Dodge streets shortly before 1 a.m. Feb. 13, according to police.

Loewenstein failed to stop and turned onto University Drive East, then turned toward the north entrance of the

parking garage.

He then drove through the heavy chain fence near the entrance of the parking garage, slammed his truck into a stone bench and fled the vehicle, according to police.

Loewenstein led police on a short foot chase through campus and into Elmwood Park. Police found him hiding behind a building in the Elmwood Park maintenance yard east of the intersection of University Drive South and University Drive East.

Loewenstein was arrested for destruction of property, reckless driving and suspicion of driving under the influence.

Budget cuts take toll on university

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UNO officials have earlier said they expect some course offerings to decrease and programs to be eliminated as the next round of budget cuts gets underway.

During Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting, Chancellor Nancy Belck and Derek Hodgson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, discussed reductions for the university and the budget-cutting process.

"You guys are running a pretty efficient ship already," Hodgson told the faculty present at the meeting, "and now we're saying, 'Let's take more money out of it.'"

The University of Nebraska system is faced with a total shortfall of \$66.4 million for the next two fiscal years. UNO's portion of the cuts is \$6.2 million.

Those reductions would be kept to a minimum if the University of Nebraska Board of Regents approves a proposal for a 20 percent increase in tuition and a "substantial" increase in fees for UNO students.

Belck said a tuition increase of about 25 to 30 percent is normal among UNO's peer institutions.

No programs, majors or tenured and tenure-track faculty would be eliminated if the proposal is approved, Belck said.



Faculty Senate member Michael Carroll listens to Chancellor Nancy Belck's presentation to the Faculty Senate on how UNO will deal with budget cuts proposed for the next two fiscal years.

"It's going to be hard to sell," she said. "This has to be a fair and timely process."

Administrators fear previous budget cuts have already affected enrollment at UNO.

While enrollment for the fall semester was up 3 percent compared to fall 2001, enrollment for the spring semester this year is the same as last.

"We have lost students and student credit hours this spring," Hodgson said.

The proposal for the next round of cuts will not be discussed until the NU Board of Regents' June meeting.

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Vice chancellors Mudd, Carrico announce Dec. 31 retirements

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

After serving UNO for more than 30 years, both Mary Mudd and Gary Carrico will break their ties as vice chancellors for the university.

Mudd, vice chancellor of student affairs, announced her retirement Wednesday in a letter to her division.

Mudd's position will carry through until Dec. 31, 2003, her last day of employment.

"It's been a big part of my life," she said of the university. "It's been a good experience."

Mudd started her employment with the university in 1969 as a counseling instructor. She has since served as the senior student affairs officer at UNO for the past seven years.

In 1986-88, Mudd spent two years as dean of students at Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

Mudd said one of the biggest advantages she's had from the university is watching it develop to its current status. In the time Mudd has worked here, UNO has grown to become a fine educational institution, she said.

Mudd doesn't anticipate her position will be filled quickly.

"I don't expect another vice chancellor," she said. "It's an opportune time to streamline."

Mudd believes her division will continue to maintain student success. She said other university administrators will ensure that success.

"The challenge is working toward a meaningful merging of student affairs functions within the division of academic affairs," she said.

Her responsibilities will be divided among other faculty members and departments.



Vice Chancellor Mary Mudd

Mudd said there might not be another vice chancellor position, but the person who will succeed her will still have an important role within the school's administration.

"It's not the title," she said. "It's retaining the function. It has to be meaningful."

After retirement, Mudd will continue to assist staff in the division as a consultant.

Carrico, vice chancellor of business and finance for UNO, has also announced a Dec. 31 retirement. Carrico has served as vice chancellor at UNO since 1976.

He played a vital role in the development of campus. During his administration, the institution has grown from the north campus at 60th and Dodge streets to the development of the south campus at 67th and Pacific streets.

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Student injured in fire

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A UNO student was taken to the hospital Monday after she was burned in a fire in her kitchen at University Village.

Kacie Johansen was cooking when she took the pan off the stove to move it. Either spilled grease or fumes then caused a "flash," said Jim Short, president of Century Campus Housing, a Texas-based company that manages University Village.

The flash resulted in flames, which overhead sprinklers in the housing unit quickly put out, Short said.

Johansen suffered second-degree burns in the fire, Short said. She was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital,

treated and released soon after the fire.

The flames themselves did not cause any damage, Short said, but the sprinklers did cause water damage to Johansen's apartment and the one below it.

The walls in Johansen's unit will have to be repainted and the ceiling will have to be re-texturized. The carpets have been pulled out of both Johansen's apartment and the one below it and dehumidifiers are running in both units in attempt to remove some of the moisture from the sprinklers, Short said.

Century Campus Housing is putting the residents from the apartment below Johansen's up in a hotel until their apartment is ready to be lived in again.



photo by Josh Williamson

Firemen set up a portable gas-powered fan to help air out a University Village apartment that was damaged by a small cooking fire Monday afternoon. The room suffered additional damage from the overhead sprinkler system, which went off and put out the fire.

Theater professor discusses seminar in Iraq

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Doug Paterson, a theater professor at UNO, discussed his recent trip to Iraq during a presentation Thursday in the Omaha Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

He traveled to the Middle East with 34 other college faculty members from across the United States for a seminar titled "A Humanitarian Mission in the Interest of Peace," held Jan. 11-17.

The University of Baghdad invited more than 500 U.S. academics to Iraq for the seminar, which focused on an exchange of ideas about the two fighting nations.

Paterson said he had an extraordinary, although rather limited, exposure to the country, its people and their beliefs.

"I went over there committed to stopping this war," he said during an interview, "and I came back committed to stopping this war."

Although Paterson believes Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, he said that alone is not a reason to invade.

He said the United States has not proved its case and shown a cause for war.

"If we are talking about an all-out war with enormous devastation and loss of life and a regime change, it is up to the United States to make its case," he said. "It is not up to Baghdad to prove that it doesn't have weapons."

He said the weapons of mass destruction issue is simply a pretext, which, he added, is not unlike the Gulf of Tonkin resolution more than 30 years ago.

That 1964 joint resolution of Congress gave President Lyndon Johnson the necessary measures to authorize military action in Southeast Asia after an alleged North Vietnamese torpedo attack of U.S. destroyers.

Paterson said he went to Iraq with an independent mind frame and was able to make a good assessment of what he saw.

He said the Iraqi people view Saddam Hussein – the Iraqi dictator – as their problem.

"People there don't care for Hussein," he said, "but they don't want the United States to assign them a leader."

Paterson ran for Congress in Nebraska's 2nd District on the Green Party ticket. Due to expenses from the election, the University of Baghdad paid for his trip to Iraq.

Beats break through Black History Month

MARQUITA GOVAN
STAFF WRITER

Beats were booming from the Ballroom of the Milo Bail Student Center Wednesday at UNO's first Hip-Hop Festival.

The festival, which was a part of Black History Month events, was kicked off with poetry reading.

Members of the Omaha Slam Poetry community dropped a few lines. Some of the pieces included themes of life, love, justice and equality.

During the opening session, poet Ayanna Boykins encouraged students to celebrate what she called the culture of hip-hop.

"Hip-hop is not fad; it is a way of life," she said.

Setting the tone for the event were students DJs Shannon Israel and Glen Lewis, who provided the beats and turntable scratching.

As Israel, also known as "DJ Oneder" and Lewis, "DJ Animale," threw down some tunes, some audience members began to break dance.

Following the poets was a dance show. Dancers dazzled the

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College couple moves up wedding date for war, faces military deployment

MARQUITA GOVAN
STAFF WRITER

Even though the threat of a war with Iraq is still pending, it seems even closer since many deployments of U.S. military troops have been made around the nation.

Army reservist Dan McDonald and his wife Donna are one out of hundreds of families that have had to deal with the threat of war head-on. The couple originally planned to have their wedding in October 2003 but had to moved it up by nine months in order to accommodate McDonald's possible mobilization.

The couple had been married for less than three weeks when McDonald was told he would be relocated stateside.

Donna McDonald, a sophomore music and dance major at Creighton University, and her husband, a UNO senior computer science major, will now have to adjust to being apart even though their life together has just begun.

Dan McDonald joined the army reserves during his last year of high school.

He said joining the reserves helped him grow up a lot sooner than he would have otherwise.

"It gave me a chance to manage people at a younger age than a lot of people do and I gained the discipline that I think is important to all of our lives," Dan McDonald said.

While Dan McDonald will be utilizing his army skills, Donna McDonald will be at home trying to manage a new routine of life without her husband.

She said she would work at keeping herself busy with work, school and friends in order to help her cope.

"Dan leaving makes me feel extremely sad, but I know that this is something he must do," she said. "I have been preparing myself emotionally and mentally for this for awhile, and now that it is taking effect, I feel OK, but I am extremely

sad."

She also said she was happy with the turnout of the wedding with such short planning time. It was close to the wedding of her dreams she had hoped for.

"The wedding was absolutely beautiful," she said. "Just thinking about it makes me teary-eyed. It was everything I ever hoped and I still cannot believe that we planned it in five weeks."

Both of the McDonalds said they have enjoyed married life, even though the process of getting there proved to be both stressful and time-consuming.

"Married life has been surreal," Donna McDonald said. "Dan and I are so happy, and we are very excited about starting a family when he returns. Of course, kids will wait until I graduate from school and we are stable financially."

Finding financial stability will

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Dan McDonald, an Army reservist and senior computer science major at UNO, looks lovingly at his new wife, Donna, at their wedding reception. The McDonalds had to move their wedding date up by about nine months to accommodate Dan's possible deployment. Dan will soon be relocated stateside.

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start early.

Donna McDonald will now have to take all of the financial and business responsibilities her husband will be leave behind.

This includes everything from making sure that joint accounts are set up to being sure bills and car payments get paid.

Donna McDonald also said her husband's unit as well as others have a support group for wives and significant others, which will provide comfort and

any answers to any questions she might have.

She said she would go with him if she could but plans to move back in with her father instead. She said it will be better for her to be with family at this time and not alone in an apartment or even the house the couple were renting.

After hearing about his deployment, Dan McDonald had to drop all of his classes. He hopes some of his tuition will be refunded one way or another.

"My hopes as of right now are just that Dan returns home safe and in one piece," Donna McDonald said.

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The Nebraska legislature will review University of Nebraska appropriations March 10. Belck said she was not terribly optimistic about how the legislature will solve the current state budget shortfall.

"We know we have to be a part of the problem," she said. "It's the magnitude we're concerned about."

Even with the budget cuts, Belck said NU would do its best to retain the quality of its education. However, she said the reductions are really going to impact the education of the state.

Since Mary Mudd, vice chancellor of student affairs, announced her retirement Wednesday, a reconstruction within administration is anticipated.

Belck, who expects \$500,000 in

administrative reductions, said there will no longer be four vice chancellors. Student affairs will not have its same independent structure, Belck said.

During the meeting, Hodgson asked faculty, administrators, staff and students to participate in special budget taskforce teams.

The teams have been established to review reductions and the possibility of consolidating departments.

Each taskforce team will focus on different aspects of the university to report on. The first taskforce report will be discussed March 6.

"It's still a difficult time," Belck said. "We're trying to get students involved in the discussion."

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crowd of about 75 with everything from floor spins to fancy foot and leg maneuvering to free-hand head spinning.

Students cheered as one student whipped his legs above his head and began spinning on his head. Various persons entered the floor to dance, strutting everything from trendy dance club moves to slick Michael Jackson-meets-the robot dance combinations.

On Feb. 11, B-Phlat, a comedian who is originally from St. Louis, Mo., performed for dozens of students in the MBSC Ballroom.

The laughs kept coming from the near-full house as B-Phlat's jokes ranged from male/female relationships to club mishaps and bathroom humor. The audience also cheered

when B-Phlat spoke about her childhood incidents, Osama bin Laden and the necessity of shower shoes for dorm bathroom sanity.

B-Phlat started her career six years ago. Her credits include ShowTime at the Apollo, four seasons of BET Comicview, The San Francisco Bay Area Black Comedy Competition, Russell Simmon's Phat Farm Fashion Show & Def Comedy Jam in Negril, Jamaica and FUBU International Okwaku Festival in Amsterdam.

Both events were sponsored by the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs.

For more information about the Omaha Slam Poetry Community, log on to poetrymenu.com.

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Snuff Out Tobacco

Kick Butts Day Relay

April 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon

On National Kick Butts Day, April 2, 2003, Eta Sigma Gamma (a health education student honorary organization at UNO) is sponsoring a Snuff Out Tobacco Relay. People who wish to participate by being part of the relay are encouraged to submit an online application (<http://www.unomaha.edu/~SOTapp.html>). The relay will take place between 10 a.m. and noon on April 2 and participants will walk, run, or wheelchair between one-quarter and one-half mile. The main criterion for selection of the participants will be those who tell the most compelling story as to why they wish to Snuff Out Tobacco--such as having to work in a smoky environment, having convinced someone to stop smoking, having a relative who got sick or died from a tobacco-related disorder, etc. Participants will be chosen by a committee. All participants will receive a free t-shirt and will be part of a media campaign.

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Old ashtrays are also being collected for a sculpture by UNO alum, Jamie Burmeister. Collection sites for the ashtrays are at Student Health Services, 1st floor, MBSC and Campus Recreation, HPER 100. This sculpture will be unveiled at UNO on Kick Butts Day.

The campaign is funded by Nebraska Health and Human Services, the Metro Omaha Tobacco Action Coalition, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Metropolitan Omaha Medical Society Alliance, the R. Joe Dennis Foundation, a UNO Teacher-to-Teacher grant and the UNO Alcohol & Drug Education Program.



Do you want to say you love them? Or do you want to give flowers to a friend? A rose's color can play a subtle role in the meaning of its message.

Roses' colors have meanings

KRIS KOHLMEIER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Millions of people buy flowers each year to show devotion, love, even friendship.

Color, shape and smell are important factors to picking the perfect flower. There are several options for Valentine's Day shoppers.

Kristen Ferry, a florist at Baker's on 132nd and Maple streets, says the best seller for the holiday is a dozen red roses. Baker's floral department sells the bouquet for \$49.99.

Roses are the flowers most commonly associated with Valentine's Day. This is because roses are considered to be the queen of flowers, symbolizing love and war, peace and forgiveness.

According to www.rosefarm.com, over 30,000 varieties of roses exist.

At Baker's, five colors of roses are available for \$3.99 apiece.

Near the counter, posters explain the meanings behind different cuts and colors of roses.

Ferry says people often ask about the meanings of certain colors.

"It plays a role for many people," she says.

According to the Web site www.newleaf.com, every type, color, even cut of flower has its own traditional meaning in different cultures.

Color meanings need not dictate the choice of flower.

Color meanings for roses

Red: I love you
Pink: Perfect happiness
Light Pink: admiration
Yellow: Friendship or loss of love
White: Purity
Peach/orange: Enthusiasm and desire

David Lambe, UNO's floral design class lecturer, suggests going for the less common rose colors, such as pink, peach or yellow.

Roses are not the only flowers given on Valentine's Day, of course. Carnations are less expensive and can be bought in nearly any color. At Baker's, numerous bouquets are available, with pink being the dominant color for Valentine's Day.

Lambe offers suggestions for unusual Valentine's Day flowers.

He says gerbera daisies, known for their bright colors and velvet texture, are becoming popular.

Lilies such as stargazer or casa blanca are known for their pleasant fragrances.

In addition, tropical flowers such as waxy-leaved anthurium, ladder-like heliconia and much-varied protea make interesting choices.

Whether buying traditional red roses or going for something unusual and new, flowers can make anyone happy this Valentine's Day.

Stop feeling dumpy about being dumped

COLUMN BY
JON SHAW
STAFF WRITER

One of the crappiest things in life?
Getting dumped.

The first thing on the road to recovery is to realize that, for a while, life is going to suck.

For every six months of your relationship give yourself one point. Been together three years? That is ... where is my calculator? ... nine points.

Live together? Add a point for every year under the same roof.

Buy a pet together? Fluffy gets you another point.

Have sex? If you are female, add two points. If you are a guy, add none.

If you conjugated regularly and are female, add one more point; guys, add two points.

Get your total?

Take your points and multiply it by 0.5. That is how many months it should take you to get over mister/miss pooppy-head *without* my advice.

First thing on your agenda should be to be disgusted. Your former significant other is the biggest (insert nasty word) around.

He or she is a fraud, a cheat, a liar.

Just want to be friends? "Hey, great, Sparky, thanks, go to hell."

If you want to do the "let's just be friends" thing, first, you are doing it because you still want the person and second, you need to multiply your above total by two.

The next step is to rid yourself of all contact information of that person. With today's technology, you probably never memorized any phone numbers and just have it programmed into your phone. Erase them.

Third (for those victims over 21), find a bottle of whiskey and a place where you will be alone with a television and DVD/VCR.

Load up on good movies.

For those who are under 21, replace the bottle with (at least) a pint of Ben and Jerry's. That Dreamery stuff is pretty good, too.

Hell, two-fist it; get a pint of both.

Anyway, get a step ladder and put it under a hanging light fixture or a place with that is equally difficult to access. Put your car keys up there and take the stepladder back where you got it. You are not going anywhere.

Now lock the door, open the container and go to town.

Fourth, get busy.

Not in the way you did it with your ex; the way you do at work and at school and with hobbies. Take up a part-time job.

Finish that three-story bird feeder you did not have time to finish. If your brain has to work, it cannot dwell on your ex.

Share with your parents what you used to share with your ex (if you have time with all your new activities).

Miss the sex? Give yourself the ole low-five right before you go to bed. It quenches the lust and helps you fall asleep.

Combine that with a good cry and a full day of bird-feeder assembly and you are out like a light.

Lastly, if you are not feeling better after a busy, hateful week of gluttony/libation and self-indulgence, you have one last option: the rebound relationship.

This works best if the other person is on the rebound, too, because when you realize you can live on your own again, it works better if the other person is ready for independence as well.

Find somebody who needs somebody (not you, specifically, just somebody) and after three weeks of a dead-end relationship, you will be good to go.

I would tell you more but I am already late for a rebound date.

'Breaking up is hard to do'

COMMENTARY BY
ANGIE SCHAEFER
STAFF WRITER

It has been said that breaking up is hard to do.

How so?

Some people may think the ex may fade into the background of the significant other's cognition, hoping the person will stop calling and eventually forget the relationship exists.

No fighting, no ugliness or no crying, just a mutual acknowledgement of passion that once was but is now extinguished, right?

Not always true.

This plan can backfire easily.

One part of the involved party may not feel the same as the other. He or she may be very attached to the relationship and become extremely frustrated and more determined to make things work when the avoidance technique is used.

Instead of escaping the situation without a big mess, the breakup will most likely end with large amounts of drama.

Are there alternatives to this?

Yes.

For many who have had experience with breakups, the unanimous response is to "just tell them how you feel."

Not by letting it slip to his or her best friend or spelled out in an e-mail, but face to face, with as much sensitivity as can possibly be mustered.

The Web site www.datingfun.com has

some advice. It suggests that one let a partner know ahead of time that a talk about the relationship is needed and upon meeting, to lay it down honestly. Be as straightforward as possible.

"More than anything, be sincere," sophomore Jeff Neuhaith says. "If you skate around the subject, it just makes it worse."

However, he cautions against "going through all their faults as a person."

This can make a person feel even worse about the situation at hand.

Where to break up?

Someplace private would be best; at a party with friends is not a good time.

Datingfun.com suggests those who are worried about a scene may try a public place like a restaurant.

UNO junior LaShana Porter agrees.

"If you're going to do it, you might as well take them out to eat before you do it," she says.

This scenario runs the risk of creating a scene in a public place.

One suggestion is to break up at a place where the partner is most comfortable, like his or her home. That way, he or she is in a more comfortable place and the dumper can leave when the talk is over.

If living together, one person from the party is going to have to move out. The person doing the breaking up should probably be the one to move out. Make arrangements ahead of time and be prepared to move out after

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Get creative for Valentine's Day

COLUMN BY
KRISTINA SANDER
STAFF WRITER

Having difficulty find the perfect gift? Forgot all about Valentine's Day?

Either way, do not sweat it.

As long as the significant other has not realized what has happened, it is not too late to fix the problem.

Here are some simple, cheap ideas to make help Valentine's Day unforgettable.

Remember, it is not always about how much is spent that makes a gift meaningful.

A favorite among couples seems to be a treasure hunt. This is done by placing a note the first place a significant other will look when arriving home.

The note can start out "I love you because (fill in the blank)."

Then whoever wrote the note writes a clue hinting at where the next clue is. The next clue can follow the same pattern. This pattern is continued till it ends at a special surprise for the person.

The surprise could be anything from a romantic home-cooked meal to roses covering the floor of a candle-lit room.

Dollar stores are great places to get gifts if on a budget.

One can buy a bag of candy, a picture frame or stuffed animals.

If one really wants to show affection, spread the gifts out. Do not give them only on Valentine's Day.

For example, leave one hidden in the receiver's car on Valentine's Day. Then leave another one somewhere else the next day.

Continue this for a few days (just think, \$5 gets five gifts); that way, the boyfriend or girlfriend knows he or she is thought of all of the time and not just on Valentine's Day.

Another suggestion is to paint a picture for a loved one.

The recipient will probably care little about artistic skills -- an attempt is good enough.

Some other creative ideas are to write a steamy love letter, keep a journal of feelings for the other person or make a list of all the reasons one loves the other, hand decorate it and frame it.

Feeling extra creative?

The Web site www.lovingyou.com suggests making a calendar filled with photos of time spent together. The site also suggests making a personalized picture frame.

Materials to make a calendar or a photo frame are relatively inexpensive and can be found at most craft stores.

Valentine's Day, if nothing else, should be a day to do something special for someone.

This can mean doing things like letting the significant other drive the car or truck he or she has wanted to drive.

Or if the significant other loves karaoke, agree to suffer through one night of poorly hit notes.

At least it will be something to laugh about later.

Another gift idea is to revisit childhood.

Does the object of your affection have a favorite toy from childhood?

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making it official.

Several students noted that holidays are the worst time to break up. They suggest not breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend around Christmas, his or her birthday or right before Valentine's Day.

Once the breakup has occurred, beware of the "friendship" category. It may seem like a good idea, but it may cause more harm than good.

"Definitely don't give false promises about keeping a friendship," Neuhaith says.

Even those with the best of intentions and the strongest resolve find it difficult to avoid the existence of old emotions and attractions.

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Turn to the Internet to find love

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STAFF WRITER

Every so often, a person reaches a point of desperation in his or her life when it seems that finding a mate (even a short-term mate) is not just merely difficult, it verges on impossible.

So where does one go in order to turn his or her love life around? The Internet?

Maybe.

Many people who have had experiences with online dating services know all about the transparent "I'd like to meet you as a friend and see what happens."

Oddly enough, many who end up using online classifieds have been mocking people like themselves from the time they turned 16 and realized they were "hot stuff."

One day they think to themselves, "Perhaps I was a little judgmental."

From there, the rest is history.

Many singles have probably wondered "What if?"

Is it possible to find some hot, young number who sees past physical appearance and sees inner beauty?

Where does one start?

With the birth of the technological age, anonymous dating has never been easier.

Have access to the Internet?

Type "dating services" into a search engine and browse through what comes up.

One online dating service is www.match.com, which allows people to post profiles and search potential matches for free. The company requires a paid membership in order to contact other members.

The first step in signing up is usually to fill out a questionnaire about one's self -- physical appearance, habits, hobbies and qualities sought out in a potential mate.

The time required for the questionnaire varies based on the service used. It is important to take an ample amount of time in order to find the best match possible.

Feel free to joke, flirt or even stun potential mates with evidence of intellectual prowess.

If one wants to catch attention and arouse curiosity, the headline provides the first opportunity to do this. There are a lot of "nice guys" and "girls next door" and being the 30th one will not help get a date with "the one."

Try something more creative.

One example is a profile by the handle name of "Devilroot."

The headline reads: "If I die, you can eat my brain and it will make you powerful."

What is that supposed to mean?

Who knows, but it is an eye-catching statement.

The next opportunity for self-expression and soul mate finding is the personal statement. This is found when a potential date chooses to read a profile for closer inspection.

Keep in mind no one will ever see this personal statement if a profile is not chosen for further inspection. The headline is very important for this reason.

An example of an interesting personal statement: "Life is good ... Life is ... is getting a little aimless when you don't have any friends around you," by the user SomeoneN.

Although not essential, it is beneficial to post a picture with a profile.

Seeing a smiling face may persuade the otherwise indifferent honey to take a quick peek at a profile and perhaps make a move.

There are a lot of "maybes" involved and it is to one's advantage to hook others in every area possible in the quest for love (or sex).

The final step is to go from the computer screen to meeting in the flesh. Send someone an e-mail, leave a message or whatever the particular service requires.

Be friendly, keep it casual and keep it short. If the hottie is interested, he or she will reciprocate communication.

If not, move on, and do not take it personally.

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Saddam is not the issue

"It has happened at last."

"What? The bomb? Iraq, North Korea, which one?"

"Don't be so melodramatic. I am talking about the rock-solid evidence of Secretary of State/Detective Colin Powell presented to the world, firmly driving nine inches of steel into Saddam Hussein's coffin."

"Oh...that. Rock-solid evidence my foot. Just another piece of propaganda. Who the hell knows what those black and white images mean anyway ... I could come up with black and white images of my own."

"Funny, but it's not just the images. How about the intercepted messages?"

"Ha! Messages indeed! Fabricated,

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I tell you!"

"Fabricated? You amuse me with your naiveté. The United States has the most sophisticated defense system in the world. Satellites orbiting the earth can track any piece of information desired with accurate precision. Saddam's goons were caught blabbing and serve them right if they suffer the consequences."

"So omniscient America played a recording of some folks having a conversation. They came out with information like they did in the days of the COINTELPRO. How does that prove anything?"

"What that proves is that Hussein, indeed, has been manufacturing and hiding weapons of mass destruction

and should suffer the wrath of the international community."

"International what? There is no international community. There are a couple of selected bureaucrats who meet at the United Nations to carry out the wishes of Washington. Where is the international community in that?"

"Yeah Yeah, right. The same old arguments you people never tire of repeating. American domination, oil, secret societies plotting to take over the world ... you conspiracy theorists can pick up any innocuous event and represent it as the primer for Armageddon or the third world war or something. It's a straightforward case. America is rich, America is powerful and America is just. Saddam is bad, Saddam is evil and if anyone should take him out, it is America ... it might not be a concept people like you understand; it is something called

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Women in computer science, who would have thought?

Jen Disney

Guest columnist

When most people think of a woman getting a near a computer and actually doing something technical with it, they get uneasy.

She will break something for sure!

This is expected, since a good percentage of women today have very little interest in the technical side of computers and when they do, it can prove devastating.

The same was true of women in mathematics 50 years ago.

The general outlook on it was that men were inherently good at math and women were good at English and history.

Being that was the notion, why on Earth would one gender want to study the other's specialty?

Today, computer science is becoming less and less of a male dominated field.

Truth be told, it seems women are just as attuned to programming and management information systems as men.

There are many contributing factors to the lack of females in the computer science field.

My personal opinion is that computer science lacks the ability to make a woman look intellectual and sophisticated. Part of that comes from the general perception that if a person studies computers, he or she is obviously a geek and lacks all social skills.

Of course, that is not the way it always is.

However, in woman's perpetual quest to be attractive, being "geeky" has never really gotten points with the men.

Aside from my personal opinions, there are other practical reasons why women may not be as interested in computer science.

Men are more likely to have hobbies centered on computers. This means they can see how computer science and MIS are easily applied in their daily lives.

We can all see how math is used in our daily lives, even to the smallest extent and that is why both genders study it.

If mathematics were more present in a man's life than a woman's by default, we might be able to see why more men would be studying math out of interest's sake. If something is not important or present in people's lives, why should they care?

So exactly how many more men are there than women in the College of Information Science and Technology at UNO?

According to UNO's enrollment statistical summary for the fall semester 2002, there were 1,535 total male students and 397 total female students.

Compare those to the gender statistics to the College of Arts and Sciences: 2,777 total male students and 4,320 total female students.

The departments of arts and sciences are spread across the board when it comes to gender roles. Even with a high percentage of previously male-dominated departments, this college has far more female students than we can expect to see the IS&T college reaching in the near future.

Fifty years from now, generations will have smaller gender gaps and people like us will remember when times were different. Not bad, but different.

Years ago, no one could imagine there would be such a massive gap in computer science - computers barely existed - but here we are.

It makes me wonder what the next issue will be.

I can't wait to find out.

Letters to the editor

Dear editor:

This letter is in response to the "news" article by Leia Baez in the Feb. 7 *Gateway* regarding a U.S. war with Iraq.

The article is obviously an anti-war diatribe and not news. It lists one by one the arguments being bandied about by anti-war activists on the national level.

It makes the president and his administration out to be crazed, revengeful warmongers acting on selfish motives.

The article is full of inaccuracies and devoid of alternative points of view.

Check out this line, the theme of which is mentioned three times in the article: "Even without the support from the United Nations and U.S. allies, Bush is not backing down."

Wasn't it just a month or so ago that the UN Security Council voted 15-0 in favor of actions against Iraq? My research shows 15 of 19 NATO countries support Bush and the United States.

The leaders of eight European countries, including the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Denmark and the Czech Republic, recently wrote a letter, saying in part: "Our governments have a common responsibility to face this treat. Failure to do so would be

nothing less than negligent to our own citizens and to the wider world."

Traditional allies such as Germany and France have only asked that more information be gathered and diplomacy be given a chance to work.

The *Gateway* article also quotes students with family members in the military who are "worried."

Although that is a normal human reaction, I am sure those family members who are in the services knew what they were signing up for and are willing to defend our country with pride.

Freedom is something worth fighting for. That includes freedom from a crazed dictator with weapons of mass destruction who has a history of invading his neighbors, breaking UN resolutions and killing his own citizens.

I would hope in the future *The Gateway* would publish articles labeled as news in a fair and balanced way, presenting both sides of the story. This is a common journalistic standard I learned as a journalism major 20 years ago.

Greg Trimm

Director of Alumni Facilities

Dear editor:

We are busy - we are all very, very busy. I am really busy.

However, on Feb. 3, most people missed a compelling and timely presentation given by the Mixed Blood Theatre in the Milo Bail Student Center at 11:30 a.m.

I thought I might not go, but the subject matter drew me. After all, we lost the Columbia Feb. 1.

The one-man performance featured Shawn Hamilton as Ron McNair, one of the Challenger astronauts.

The well-written, superbly acted presentation gave the audience the biography of McNair, along with insight into his determined and humorous personality.

McNair was the first black astronaut to die in space. Now, that number has been raised.

This was the opening event of Black History Month. So where was everyone?

Busy, busy, busy.

Not only were few people in the audience but there were no classes in attendance.

History classes, black studies classes, science classes, theater classes - many classes - should have attended

this production.

Students sat in the Food Court instead of watching because they did not know it was even happening.

No general announcements were made, which would have drawn in some students.

The small sign outside the closed doors gave little information.

Where were the faculty?

We are too busy.

We just didn't know about it.

It was snowing and snow scares us, so we ran home.

We will all continue being very, very busy.

Since that is the status quo, event planners must publicize events and spread the word throughout the campus to generate enthusiasm about the events.

I don't think the coaches would be happy if 15 people came to a football or hockey game.

This campus sponsors many fine events at noon in the MBSC.

We have an art gallery - some students don't know that.

We have free or often inexpensive performances in the Strauss building.

The theater department has a great lineup this season.

The Jan. 28 *Gateway* has a complete

listing of concerts in a four-state region but for the information for Black History Month, students have to call the Student Programming Organization office.

How many students will do that?

Campus events need better, stronger publicity.

The Mixed Blood Theatre Company made the trip from Minneapolis solely for the presentation at UNO. It was its only gig in Omaha.

Approximately 15 people watched and were very moved, especially at the end when McNair explained how the space shuttle flies, mentioning the O rings, which were involved with the Challenger disaster and the tiles, which have been speculated to be involved with the Columbia disaster.

If the Mixed Blood Theatre returns to campus at any time, students should line up to get in. It was that good.

A university should provide many diverse, inexpensive activities for its community and put effort into publicity.

Likewise, if the university community ignores those efforts, we all lose.

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English instructor

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Earth calls for cell compliance KFC does chickens wrong

HEIDI WARD

SIDELINES (MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE U.)

You think you've heard every rant there is about cell phones and cell phone users. We've all complained about the way the cell phone is making us anti-social. There have been tons of arguments against driving and talking on the cell phone. Well, here's my version of a cell phone rant.

I spent last weekend in a hospital. The first thing you notice as you walk through the door of the hospital are cell phone signs. There are either signs with a cell phone saying, "Cell phones can be used in this designated area only," or signs with a cell phone in a big red circle with a slash through it.

The signs inside every elevator and spaced every few feet on the walls in the hallways were signs stating:

"For the safety of our patients, the use of cellular phones is permitted in designated areas only (the first floor main corridor and cafeteria). The use of all phones, two-way communication devices and other devices that create radio wave interference may cause erroneous operation of sensitive medical devices and critical life support systems. When not in designated areas please turn your cellular phone and other radio wave creating devices to the off (not standby) mode. Thank you."

That sign seems pretty clear doesn't it? However, judging by the actions of people in the hospital, they should start checking cell phones at the door.

I sat in a waiting room on the third floor. That's clearly not the first floor main corridor or the cafeteria. While sitting in that waiting

room, I watched person after person flip open his or her cell phone and call someone.

The nurses had to come in several times and tell people to turn them off. Sometimes they had to get quite stern about it and explain that the phones interfered with heart monitors and some life support machines. We were on the intensive care floor.

Cell phones often bring out people's most self-absorbed traits. People need to ignore everyone and everything around them in order to talk to someone at that exact moment. One man was standing right next to the sign that said that cell phones interfered with medical devices. Using a cell phone on that floor could have put someone's life in danger.

I understand that some people are oblivious to their surroundings, but there were signs everywhere. I also understand that those waiting in the intensive care waiting room might need to contact people regarding the condition of their loved ones. But, there are pay phones on every floor outside of every waiting room and it's a quick elevator ride to the first floor.

The disturbing reality of this situation is that this is an example of how dependent upon cell phones many people have become, so much so that turning them off seemed unreasonable to them. Several people saw the sign and said they wouldn't use their phones, but didn't turn them completely off.

There are times when it's selfish and uncaring to need to be completely accessible by cell phone. People need to remember that cell phones aren't the only phones available. Sometimes they're inappropriate and even possibly dangerous.

HEATHER MOORE

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Ever since Jan. 7, when People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals launched a worldwide campaign to end the extreme cruelty to chickens killed for KFC restaurants, we've been inundated with questions: "Why bother? They're just chickens," and "What difference will it make? They're going to die anyway."

These are undoubtedly the kinds of questions that people in Asia — where dogs and cats are raised for human consumption — ask when others demand that they, at the very least, give the animals a more humane life and a less painful death.

Although most of us simply don't know chickens as well as we know dogs and cats, these birds do show affection and feel happiness, loneliness, fear and pain, just like the pup curled up on the end of your bed. They are social, intelligent and have cognitive abilities "beyond the capacity of small children," said Chris Evans, who studies animal behavior and communication at Macquarie University in Australia.

In their natural surroundings, chickens are busy animals who spend their day foraging for food, making nests, roosting in trees and taking sun and dust baths. Friends of mine who keep them as companion animals tell me they are curious about household activity and enjoy sitting in the living room with the family each evening, listening to music.

But the 736 million chickens killed for KFC are crammed by the tens of

thousands into sheds that stink of ammonia fumes from accumulated waste. They are given barely even room to move — each bird lives in the amount of space equivalent to a standard sheet of paper. They routinely suffer broken bones from being bred to be top heavy, from callous handling when workers roughly grab birds by their legs and stuff them into crates and from being shackled upside down at slaughterhouses.

By the time they're old enough for slaughter, their bodies are so fragile that their bones snap when they are grabbed and stuffed in crates for transport. During slaughter, their throats are cut and they are often dumped in a tank of scalding water while still fully conscious.

However one feels about eating meat, decent people will agree that, at a minimum, animals should not be grossly mistreated.

PETA is asking KFC to replace its current chicken-killing methods with humane death by gas; to use mechanized chicken catching, which causes less bruising and fewer broken bones; and to include sheltered areas and perches in chicken houses to improve the birds' living space.

For nearly two years, KFC executives have been assuring PETA that the welfare of the chickens is of great concern. But so far they have done nothing. Of course, the best way to help animals at KFC is to go vegetarian, but if consumers can persuade KFC to take these simple steps it would mean a world of difference to the animals.

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"leadership."

"Oh, oh! Leadership, I see. Hmm. Like Vietnam needed to be led, or like the American companies that fund conflicts in Africa to acquire mineral concession rights are demonstrating their leadership. Or like Iraq needed to be led in days past and no less than 100,000 civilians are dead, no thanks to targeted bombings of hospitals and civilian installations..."

"Collateral damage, my friend. Collateral damage. Besides, there are many facts you are willfully ignorant of. How about the tremendous amount of foreign aid? How about the sheer generosity of the American government, how about lives saved in Bosnia and millions committed to research... how about the aid given in food to the dying and starving in Asia and Africa? You self-righteous moralists never see that, do you?"

"You are mistaken. We are not evaluating here the conscience of a nation. We are evaluating the actions of a government, premising it on past occurrences. In a world where member nations are expected to act based on internationally approved standards, the violation of those standards by one of the strongest members of that world not only undermines the principle of order that is supposed to govern interaction between nations, it also sets a dangerous precedent based on the philosophy that might is right. What we ostensibly expect from such a condition, then, is not the suppression of attempts to acquire such materials as may undermine global harmony like nuclear weapons; what we should expect is an increase in an attempt to acquire nuclear weapons because it has been supremely demonstrated that any nation with a large enough arsenal can violate 'international standards,' override the will of its partners and act unilaterally. What the United States government is doing here, by its threats to act unilaterally, is painting a picture of

absolute power, of global domination where one man calls the shots. This picture is too tempting for even the least ambitious of nations to refuse. What then stops them from acquiring weapons, covertly or overtly, if it has been demonstrated that military might gives them the right to do as they please?"

"Well, that is why we have monitors in the first place — to stop people from trying to acquire WMDs."

"How many nations do you think you can monitor? Access to uranium is easy. At least 30 percent of the world's output of uranium comes from countries in Africa where access is relatively uncomplicated. They couldn't even stop Osama bin Laden's goons from converting tens of millions of dollars into blood diamonds. Even if you could, your scenario only depicts a situation where the United States will be coasting around the world trying to suppress one nation or the other. That's bad for the economy."

"You are speaking of the future. Saddam is now, and he must be removed."

"That may be so. But what is the future but the present fully grown?"

"We will cross that bridge when we get there."

"That's another mistake. Saddam is not the issue. So you think if we remove Saddam it's off to nirvana for all of us? People are uncomfortable in the presence of an aggressive superpower. And as long as they are uncomfortable, they will challenge it, one way or the other, until they realize their 'liberty' or are cowed into submission. And the latter is something even God hasn't been able to do."

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Daredevil,
starring Ben
Affleck, opens
this Valentine's
Day.

The movie,
which is based
on a comic
book, also
stars Jennifer
Garner,
Michael Clark
Duncan and
Colin Farrell.



Courtesy photo

Hollywood studios strike back

COLUMN BY
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Hold on, moviegoers, 2003 is going to be quite a ride as Hollywood is about to unleash a heroic dose of the blockbusters that have been fairly absent over the last few years.

2003 will most likely be remembered for the unleashing of not one, but two *Matrix* sequels.

The two features were filmed back-to-back, a la *Lord of the Rings*, and are said to be one movie split in two parts.

Matrix Reloaded is being released in May and *Matrix Revolutions* follows in November.

Warner Bros. is capitalizing on the original's popularity by blitzing us with *Matrix* tie-ins.

The films' directors, the Wachowski brothers, wrote scripts for a number of animated shorts, under the title *The Animatrix*.

The shorts both give a deeper explanation of the *Matrix* universe, detailing the history of

the *Matrix* itself, and extend the films' world beyond that of the films.

Some of the shorts will be attached to films this spring (the first being packaged with the film *Dreamcatcher*) and the rest are Web exclusives.

Check out www.whatisthematrix.com to see the mind-blowing first episode.

With the success of recent comic-book blockbusters like *Spiderman*, *X-Men* and the *Blade* series, a huge amount of films based on comics are getting ready for release.

The Ben Affleck vehicle *Daredevil* opens on Valentine's Day and word 'round the campfire is the movie is surprisingly good despite some skepticism from comic book purists. *Daredevil* also stars Jennifer Garner as Daredevil's love interest Elektra, Michael Clark Duncan playing the massive villain Kingpin and Hollywood IT-boy, Colin Farrell (who is also starring in *The Recruit*, *S.W.A.T.* and the long-delayed *Phone Booth*) as Bullseye.

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In the market for a DVD writer? Watch out, you could get burned

DAVID SHEETS

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

If you think politics is only the domain of politicians, then you don't own a DVD recorder.

And you may not want to, just yet. Many owners are finding that their newly minted DVDs – digital video discs – don't work in some disc players or computer DVD drives.

The reason? Politics.

"Now is probably not the best time to get one of these things," said T. Peter Andrew, a vice president for corporate research at St. Louis-based stockbroker A.G. Edwards. "The deep issue here is that there are too many formats to worry about."

These recorders, also known as DVD burners because they use tiny lasers to etch data onto plastic discs, topped a lot of holiday shopping lists at Christmas, largely because they cost only half as much as a year earlier.

The need for them has grown, too. Digital music, movies and photo albums are increasingly hot commodities, yet their huge file sizes can swallow a stack of recordable compact discs. Some recordable DVD discs have up to 28 times the storage capacity of CDs.

"People really want to take their videotapes and burn them onto DVDs," Andrew said. "And they want more room to back up big files on their computer's hard drive."

But conflicting formats keep many players in the DVD industry from using the same game plan, and that's likely to continue creating headaches and confusion for burner buyers.

At the conflict's core reside two competing groups, the DVD Forum and the DVD+RW Alliance.

The DVD Forum, originally formed as

the DVD Consortium in 1995, united 10 high-tech companies – among them Hitachi, Philips, Pioneer, Sony, Time Warner and Toshiba – under the DVD-RW/-R umbrella. It has grown to 230 members. (R stands for recordable one time; RW stands for rewritable.)

The DVD+RW Alliance formed later with 50 companies to pitch a combined DVD+RW/+R standard.

Neither coalition officially speaks for the industry, and none of the formats holds a substantial performance edge over another.

For buyers of DVD equipment, that means paying special attention while shopping, because DVD+RW/+R burners can't store data on DVD-R and DVD-RW discs, and vice versa, unless the burner or player reads both technologies.

Recently, two companies, LG Electronics and Sony, unveiled burners for desktop computers that span the divide; both record on DVD-RW and DVD+RW discs. But at nearly \$500 for each, those devices are likely to be out of reach for most home computing budgets.

And though more manufacturers probably will close the DVD format gap this year, another headache looms ahead: the difference between red and blue lasers.

Nine manufacturers, among them Pioneer, Samsung, Sharp and Sony, are pressing ahead with development of a new technology called Blu-ray, which uses a blue laser to burn discs instead of the standard red laser. Because the blue laser can be focused more tightly than red, it can write more data in a smaller space.

On the plus side, Blu-ray technology will permit storing the entire contents of a computer's hard drive on a single disc, A.G. Edwards' Andrew said. But it also will render obsolete all current DVD technology, as well as end the continuing format debate.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Valentine's Day makes you sick. Right now you just want to vomit. Maybe you should quit eating so much chocolate on an empty stomach, eh?

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)

O Valentine! Where art thou? Wherefore dost thou mock me?

Aries (March 31 – April 19)

You will find your one true love today. Really! What? You don't believe me? That really hurts.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

You don't care about Valentine's Day. You never have and you never will. All you want is for everyone to just shut up about it already.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)

Today's a lame holiday and I'll mope if I want to, mope if I want to, mope if I want to...

Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

You've got sparkly hearts in your eyes and roses in your head. Must be nice to be you.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Wear black today.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

OK, just put the chocolate-covered peanuts down and step away from the table... everything's going to be fine.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 23)

This day will end up a lot better than you thought it would.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 21)

Tell people Valentine's Day is against your religion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Surprise your significant other this year by completely forgetting all about Valentine's Day. Bet they never saw that coming!

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

You will develop an untimely, yet serious allergy to chocolate.

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Also ready to rock and roll is *The Hulk*, starring Eric Bana (*Chopper*, *Black Hawk Down*) and Nick Nolte.

The extended trailer that's going to be added to *Damascus* will certainly remove everyone's hesitations about the film.

While there are doubts that any kind of meaningful story could ever make the Hulk a riveting character, the Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger*, *Hidden Dragon*)-directed film promises to be a Hulk-smash good time.

Yet another insulting film from the people who brought you the vomit-inducing *Romeo Must Die* and *Exit Wounds* is set for a Feb. 28 release.

The film, titled *Cradle 2 the Grave*, once again unites rapper DMX with the super-human Jet Li.

Li slums it alongside B-movie ass-kicker Mark Dacascos (*Double Dragon*, *Brotherhood of the Wolf*) in this sure-to-be farce of an action movie—one in an insulting string of films designed to cash in on the "hip" urban culture.

Unfortunately, since the film's demographic won't know the difference, this film is sure to be No. 1 at the box office.

Also on its way is the final chapter to the *Lord of the Rings* saga, *Return of the King*.

Expectations are high on this film as the second of the series, *The Two Towers*, which recently broke \$350 million since its opening day.

In a recent interview, the films' director Peter Jackson said even though the film has yet to be completed, *Return of the King* is by far his favorite of the series. Even if only two tickets are sold, though, Miramax has already more than doubled the \$275 million cost for the trilogy.

Other notable upcoming releases include *Bad Boys II*, which reunites Will Smith and Martin Lawrence in the sequel to the only tolerable Michael Bay film to date and *Terminator 3*, which proves that both Hollywood and Arnold Schwarzenegger have no shame or common sense as they try to upstage two fantastic originals.

After a few dreadfully empty summer seasons, studios have finally learned that it is a ridiculous idea to try and compete with each other. Instead, they are spreading the big-ticket franchises throughout the year.

For the moviegoers as well as the Hollywood brass, 2003 is money in the bank.

Professor offers advice for Valentine's dinner

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's Valentine's Day and you forgot to make dinner reservations.

Before you crawl into the doghouse, read on.

Communication department professor and avid cook Marshall Prisbell says you're lucky if you do not have reservations.

That way, he says, you can have a home-cooked meal in a comfortable, romantic atmosphere.

Rather than cooking the meal yourself and serving it to your sweetie, cook it together, Prisbell says. That way it can be even more special.

"A good, romantic meal is something that most people do appreciate," he says. "Sometimes we go out to restaurants and, although it can be fun and enjoyable, there's something special about being home."

Prisbell, who has been teaching at UNO since 1984, became interested in cooking in the early 1980s when he served as chair of UNO's gourmet club.

He has decided to share some suggestions for a meal for those who may be stuck at home hungry this Valentine's Day.

In preparing a Valentine's Day meal, one should first go to the market to see what is available, fresh and on sale, Prisbell says.

"Don't make up your mind what you wanna eat and then go look for it in the store," he says. "Go to the store and then make up your mind based on what you see."

He says if you find cauliflower on sale, for example, it is easy to go online to foodnetwork.com and search for a recipe that uses cauliflower.

Get whatever is necessary to prepare your meal (read on for menu suggestions) and don't forget something to drink.

Prisbell suggests buying two fluted champagne glasses from Cost Plus World Market and serving non-alcoholic, organic apple cider (found at Wild Oats Market), sparkling wine or champagne.

Absolutely Fresh Seafood
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Cost Plus World Market
201 N. 78th St., Omaha

Delice European Bakery
1206 Howard St., Omaha

Lo Sole Mio Deli & Market
3548 Center St., Omaha

Wild Oats Market
7801 Dodge St., Omaha

For an inexpensive bottle of sparkling wine (\$7.99-\$8.99), Prisbell recommends Zardetto's Prosecco.

If you have more money to spend, he suggests Roederer, Taittinger or Gloria Ferrer.

Now for the menu.

Prisbell says not to prepare anything too filling because that can make people sleepy. He suggests something light and fresh and says you should expect to spend a little bit more money on dinner for the special evening than you normally would.

However, he says, the savings of preparing the meal homemade would be considerable.

Most of the ingredients used in the suggested items below are on sale at local grocery stores this week.

For an appetizer, Prisbell suggests buying oysters in the shell from either Absolutely Fresh Seafood or your local grocery store. Serve the oysters in a half shell with cocktail sauce.

Another starter—an artichoke salad—would include artichokes (frozen or in the can), Greek or Italian olives and fresh mozzarella cheese with extra virgin olive oil as dressing.

"Everything has olive oil in all of these recipes," Prisbell says.

The ingredients for the artichoke salad can all be found at Wild Oats Market.

A third option for an appetizer would be fresh asparagus wrapped in

prosciutto ham, which can be purchased at the Lo Sole Mio Deli.

Steam the asparagus, wrap the ham around it, squeeze lemon juice over the top and drizzle with olive oil, Prisbell says.

Prisbell says a side of crusty French bread can finish off the first course.

Next, Prisbell suggests a small serving of pasta.

He offered three options:

- Rigatoni with peas, mushrooms, tomatoes, vodka and heavy cream. (Use your imagination concocting this recipe.)

- Penne pasta with shrimp, zucchini and tomato sauce.

- Penne pasta with swordfish, capers, olives and tomatoes.

"Sipping the champagne in between, obviously," Prisbell said, it's time to head to the main course.

For this, Prisbell suggests either grilled salmon with fresh fennel and tomatoes or filet mignon with mushrooms in a red wine sauce.

For dessert, one can opt to buy something made at a bakery (like chocolate ganache torte from Delice).

To make your own dessert, purchase some strawberries and serve them with either melted chocolate or a mixture of sugar and balsamic vinegar for dipping.

Beware, though—balsamic vinegar is expensive. It can cost up to \$100 for 3 ounces, Prisbell says.

If strawberries are not your fancy, buy some pears, cut them in half and scoop out the core. Then mix together some goat cheese, gorgonzola cheese and heavy cream. Fill the center of the pear with the cheese mixture and sprinkle with chopped walnuts and champagne.

With food like this, you and your valentine will not have to worry about going out on the town.

Prisbell, who teaches the Department of Communication course Communication and Human Relationships, offers this final advice for Valentine's Day happiness: "Enjoy and appreciate each other's company and conversation."

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Former UNO golf coach Melissa Brooks, front, shows off the North Central Conference golf championship trophy with members of last year's team.

Women's golf coach resigns

CHIP OLSEN
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Brooks, the UNO women's golf coach, resigned last week.

"We have received and reluctantly accepted Melissa's resignation as the UNO women's golf coach," said Bob Danenhauer, the UNO athletic director. "We thank her for her contributions to UNO and the golf program during her term here and wish her well in whatever she chooses to do in the future."

Danenhauer said the Ironwood Country Club professional staff will assist in the coaching duties for the team on an interim basis.

Ironwood is the Mavericks' home golf course.

Ironwood's head PGA pro, Don Germer, and Tim Whalen, Justin Herron and Travis Crosser (all assistant professionals) will share the coaching duties this spring.

The golf team has only been in existence for three years. Brooks has been the program's

sole coach.

Brooks was named the North Central Conference women's coach of the year last fall after leading the Mavericks to the NCC championship. She also led the team to the 2002 NCAA II national tournament last spring.

A native of Fredonia, Kan., Brooks is a 1994 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she was selected two times to the National College Golf Association's scholastic all-American team. She was also a three-time member of the Big Eight all-academic team.

She coached school golf at Lincoln Southeast and Omaha North high schools before taking a part-time coaching position at UNO in 2000.

She is currently a teacher at Omaha North.

Phone calls to Brooks were not returned to *The Gateway* as of Tuesday.

The Mavericks begin the spring season at the Florida Southern Invitational Feb. 28.

Tennis team blanks Wesleyan

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

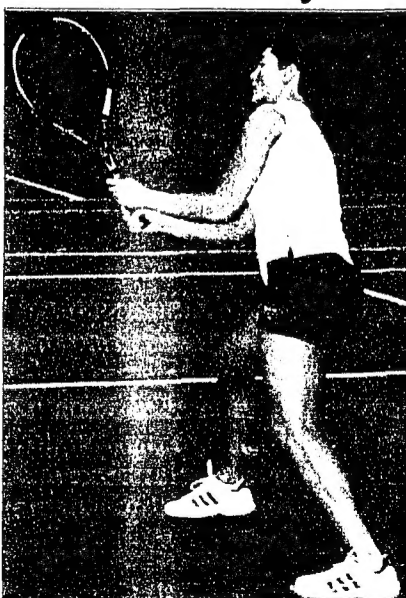
In their second of 14 duals this season, the UNO women's tennis team blanked Nebraska Wesleyan 9-0 last Friday at the Hanscom Park Tennis Center.

The Mavericks dominated the Prairie Wolves, losing only two sets in the nine matches to improve their season record to 14-0 with a dual at the University of Nebraska at Kearney looming today.

Anna Ristic, seeded No. 4 for UNO, dropped her opening set to Nebraska Wesleyan's Tiffany Lotter 6-3 before coming back to win 6-2, 6-0.

No. 5-seeded Mikaila Spalding won her match in three sets over Prairie Wolf Sahra Niazi 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

Those were the only two sets the Mavericks lost.



Mikaila Spalding plays in a recent tennis match at Hanscom Park Tennis Center.

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Check around and see if the toy is available somewhere. Chances are it will not be too expensive and it will be a one-of-a-kind gift.

Some other quick ideas include: re-create the first date; make a personalized valentine card; make a mixed CD of "your songs;" make a teddy bear at the mall; decorate a box for the other person to keep reminders of the relationship in; or fill a piñata with small gifts

for the significant other and have them break it open.

Lovingyou.com suggests playing truth or dare while going to different stores and shopping. In the car, on the way to the stores, players do truth questions and in the stores they do dares.

These ideas do not have to be just for Valentine's Day. These gift ideas are also good for birthdays, anniversaries or any other time to make someone feel special.

Track team members set records, fail to qualify

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STAFF WRITER

The UNO women's track and field team took home seven titles and set four meet records at Doane College's Tiger Track Classic Saturday.

The meet showcased some of the state's top collegiate talent and UNO showed why it deserved to be there.

In the second event of the day, the 200-meter dash, Sarah Menghini darted out of the block and never looked back as she set a stadium and meet record, crossing in 26.11 seconds.

Within the next second, she was joined by familiar faces as teammates Syd Merz and Mandy Neneman arrived to make it a 1-2-3 finish for the Mavs.

Merz came right back to claim a title of her own when she was the only woman to run 400 meters in under a minute.

Debbie Akerly finished fourth in the race.

Michelle Ellingson finished the mile nearly 11 seconds faster than any of her opponents. Her nearest teammate, Sarah Zeisler, was still 13.11 seconds behind her when she took third.

Amanda Mahan and Jennifer Victor

both bettered previous meet records in the 800-meter. The difference between the two was 10.16 seconds.

Molly Miller staked her claim as a top 1,000-meter runner when she finished in 3 minutes 5.18 seconds.

Merz, Menghini, Laura Gass and Jennifer Rutan set a meet and stadium record by finishing 8.20 seconds faster than anyone in the 1,600-meter relay.

Melissa Meisinger won the triple jump and Taira Baker placed fourth.

Other top-five finishers include: Gass, second in the 600-meter; Kellie Ryan, third in the 3,000-meter; Neneman and Byers, second and fourth in the 55-meter hurdles; Byers, third in the high jump; Laurel Stuehm and Lindsey Hunter, fourth and fifth in the high jump; the second-place 3,200 relay team; Baker, fourth in the long jump; Alison Anderson and Shausa Kee, two of the top-four spots in the weight throw.

The next competition for the track team will be Friday, Feb. 14 when it travels to Lincoln for Wesleyan's Prairie Wolf Open.

The Mavs look to break some hearts against familiar competition this Valentine's Day and possibly set a few more marks for nationals.

Fairbanks not so fair to Mav skaters

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

For some reason, the UNO hockey team just can't seem to get out from under the avalanche in Fairbanks.

The Mavericks have yet to win in Fairbanks, whether due to the larger Olympic-sized rink or the three-hour time zone difference, the skaters just haven't been able to overcome.

In the last three seasons UNO has traveled north, they have come away with a loss and a tie each time.

Same old song and dance was seen last weekend as UNO got one point out of the trip with a 3-3 tie Friday and a 4-3 overtime loss Saturday.

The Mavericks fell behind 2-0 early Friday on first-period goals by Jordan Henry and Jared Sylvestre. However, UNO came back and tied the game in the second period.

David Brisson actually got UNO on the board in the first period and Greg Zanon scored his first goal since returning from a knee injury just 55 seconds into the second period.

Brisson scored his second goal of the game late in the second period to put the Mavs up 3-2. That goal also put Brisson in a tie with Jeff Hoggan for all-time goals scored at 61.

Blaine Bablitz tied the game for the Nanooks in the third period. That score remained through five minutes of overtime and UNO skated off with the tie.

Following suit, the Mavericks fell Saturday night. A Cam Keith goal at 2:37 of the overtime period sealed UNO's scripted fate.

In the back and forth contest, UNO held leads of 2-1 and 3-2, but Alaska-Fairbanks fought back to tie the score both



Andrew Wong gets taken down by Bowling Green's Erik Eaton while going for the puck during a recent game.

times.

Sylvestre again opened the scoring for the Nanooks with a power-play goal 5:28 into the first.

UNO's Scotty Turner then tied the game and Mike Lefley scored his first of two goals to put the Mavericks ahead 2-1.

Jason Grinevitch tied the game late in the second period and Lefley put UNO up again early in the third.

Cramer Hickey sent the game into overtime with a goal at 8:17 of the third. That's when Keith struck and won the game.

The Mavs now finds themselves in a tie with the Nanooks for eighth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with four conference games left.

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For Kemp, Maverick hockey team, success is by design

CHRIS SNOW

NHL.COM

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What to say to his team – blitzed by Maine for 10 goals in the opening two periods – Mav Coach Mike Kemp did not know.

The night was Feb. 27, 1998. The site was Alford Arena in Orono, Maine. The circumstance was the first true undressing of his team in its introductory season of Division I play. And the reality was that 20 more minutes of this remained.

"I was beside myself," he said.

To his other side was Assistant Coach David Quinn, who turned to Kemp and suggested, respectfully, "Coach, did you really think it was going to take this long to get shellacked?"

Quinn had a point. UNO was blanked 11-0 that night, its first loss of the season by more than five goals. But the next night in the same building the Mavs overcame deficits of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 to stun the Black Bears 4-3.

In hindsight, this should come as little surprise, because achieving the unthinkable is more or less Kemp's full-time job.

Kemp's first job came at UNO, where he coached the club hockey team for \$1,000 a month for six months in 1975 until the team folded. A longtime assistant at Wisconsin, Kemp interviewed at UNO in 1996 and convinced university officials that Division I hockey in Omaha would not only succeed itself but generate enough revenue to support additional teams. The job was his.

"As I reflect on the five-year plan he submitted at his interview," Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer said, "that definitely has been the template to get where we are."

The plan centered upon creating enough revenue to finance hockey and at least two new women's sports; fielding a team that would continue to put fans in the seats; and joining a conference that would solidify the program's future.

The first ticket went on sale May 1, 1996. By May 16, the university cut off

season-ticket sales to the 8,314-seat Civic Auditorium. Competition began in 1997-98, and not once in 124 home dates have the Mavericks played before anything but a sold-out arena.

"The main thing when they recruited me was the atmosphere in Omaha," said senior Greg Zanon. "It is unbelievable for a team to get 8,000 every night."

The fan support Kemp manufactured makes UNO hockey an ideal investment for the university. While expenditures work out to \$1.2 million annually, the team generates \$3 million in revenue, UNO hockey Sports Information Director Mike Kros said. This has allowed hockey to pay for itself and for the launch of women's swimming and diving (1997), soccer (1998) and golf and tennis (2000). Today, hockey revenue covers the hockey operating costs as well as 22 scholarships and expenses for those four women's teams.

"Coach Kemp is a great PR person," said junior goalie Dan Ellis. "He blends in great with the public, with all the politicians of the city. He can sit and chat with the best of them. He is a great salesperson. He could sell the game to a surfer and in an hour could have him playing hockey. He enjoys the sport that much."

Kemp admits the difficult sell, which initially accompanied a complete lack of tradition.

"At the beginning," he said, "we were selling smoke and mirrors. But we were also selling a dream. We had to go out and recruit kids who were capable of playing without being absolutely demoralized. We didn't want our fan base seeing us get hammered."

The Mavericks played unaffiliated with a conference their first season and challenged top schools: Denver, New Hampshire, Maine and Wisconsin. Only Maine truly had UNO's number. The Mavericks swept Denver in two games on home ice.

But independence is not what the school favored; the plan from day one was to join the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. All indications pointed to the WCHA: Kemp coached in the WCHA as an assistant, the administration at UNO used the WCHA

as a sounding board for its decisions and WCHA officials refereed Mavericks games.

But at the conclusion of the second year, the WCHA decided it wanted the Mavericks to play four years as an independent. Kemp tried his luck elsewhere. He made another of his presentations at the Central Collegiate Hockey Association league meetings in April 1999 and his team skated with the powers of the Midwest the following season.

Picked in the preseason to finish 12th, UNO concluded the regular season seventh, then put itself on the college hockey map with a stunning CCHA tournament. The Mavericks went on the road for a three-game, opening-round series with Northern Michigan, a team ranked in the nation's top 10. The folks at the auditorium felt confident enough in UNO advancing that they scheduled a farm implement show and removed the ice.

UNO won in three games and returned home to host Bowling Green on a Tuesday night for the right to play in the CCHA final four at Joe Louis Arena.

"The ice was coming out in chunks, foot by foot," Kemp said of the team's Monday practice. "We had to quit practice."

"Everyone thought they would lose," Ellis, at the time a recruit playing for the USHL Omaha Lancers, said. "They had to put the ice back in. There was no Mavericks paint on it, just the standard lines, and all the fans were on their feet the entire game. It was the loudest that building has ever been."

The Mavericks won, then rolled through CCHA champion Michigan 7-4 before current Buffalo Sabre Ryan Miller and Michigan State shut them out 6-0 in the league championship.

Kemp's current roster includes four draft picks: Ellis (second round, Dallas),

Zanon (fifth round, Ottawa), defensemen Joel Andresen (fifth round, Los Angeles) and Mike Gabinet (eighth round, Los Angeles).

Kale Betts (eighth round, Nashville) was ruled ineligible before the season began and fourth-round pick Bryce Lampman left school days before the season started to pursue a pro career.

Those two gaps in the lineup, coupled with poor injury luck, have Omaha at 11-14-3 (9-12-1 CCHA). (The team's all-time record is 95-106-20). In October, sophomore defenseman Chris Claffey sustained a season-ending injury to muscles and tendons in the back of his leg when he was inadvertently sliced by a skate blade during practice.

Zanon, who Kemp labeled "the heart and soul of our team," missed a month and a half after knee surgery when his knee became infected. There are a number of things Kemp looks to for inspiration.

On the ice two weeks ago, his team came within 51 seconds of twice shutting out then-No. 7 Ohio State in victories of 4-0 and 3-1.

OSU finally beat Ellis with its 74th shot of the weekend with its goalie pulled at 19:09 of the second game.

Off the ice, nine of Kemp's players made dean's list last semester.

That has occurred 90 times under his watch and never has the team GPA dipped below 3.0.

Next year the Mavericks move into a 14,500-seat arena to be shared with the Creighton University basketball team.

"It's sad that it's going to be a bigger building," Zanon said. "It will take away from the noise the Aud brings to the table. But this will be a bigger place. Now, maybe we can host a national championship or regionals someday. It's better for the program and the fans overall. They'll just have to get a little better to really make it rock."

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Men's A League Top 10 For 5x5 Basketball

as of 2/11/05

As determined by the **Mav-Rec Crew**

1. Geiger	5-0	
2. Chaos	1-1	
3. Improvement	5-0	
4. Soldiers	5-0	
5. Sig Ep A		2-0
6. D-Block	2-0	
7. The Dirty Seven	2-1	
8. Pine	1-1	
9. I Hate Wayne's Team	2-1	
10. Pike B	1-1	

Comments: Sorry for the long wait, the rankings are now back, hopefully each week. It's a lot of work making fun of this many people each week, so show a little compassion, will you please? **Geiger** holds on to the top spot, and they will until they lose. **Chaos**, don't let the record fool you, they are probably the best team playing right now. **Improvement** looks like a ship without a rudder but they keep on winning, for now. Look for **Sig Ep A** to go undefeated, and then flame out in the tournament... again. **I Hate Wayne's Team** certainly has the best team name, they just couldn't beat Wayne's team, so maybe they should think a little more next time before they write a check they can't cash.

Men's B League Top 10 For 5x5 Basketball

as of 2/11/05

As determined by the **Mav-Rec Crew**

1. Llamas Strike Back	5-0	
2. Busch Boys	5-0	
3. Delta Uni	2-1	
4. Lollipops	2-1	
5. Goodfellas	2-0	
6. White King Clan	2-1	
7. Toe-Fungus	2-1	
8. The Hustlers	1-1	
9. Pike B Sunday	1-2	
10. Sig Ep B		0-2

Comments: We have no idea about any of these teams. Sorry, but who really cares that must about a group of teams that can only beat each other but nobody else. We suppose that the top two teams are o.k., but we are still talking about the "B" league. The tournament usually comes down to who can get enough players to show up and not forfeit, so it's basically a crapshoot from here, we'll see in a month.

Weight Watchers Open House Feb. 19th

Have you gained some extra pounds over the winter months?

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- Monday

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- Tuesday

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- Wednesday

5 to 7 p.m.

- Friday

Noon to 2 p.m.

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2005 Spring Drop-in Fitness Class Schedule

Monday

Aqua Lunch
Noon to 12:45 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Step
12:10 to 1 p.m.
110 HPER Chris

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5 to 6 p.m.
251 HPER
(Dance Lab) Anne

Step
5:15 to 6 p.m.
110 HPER Lily

Tuesday

Rickbox Mix
7:45 to 8:50 a.m.
110 HPER Larry

W.E.T.

5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Cardio Funk
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
110 HPER Jennifer

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5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
105 HPER Julie

Basic Training
7:50 to 8:50 p.m.
250 HPER Janine

Wednesday

Kickbox
6:55 to 7:20 a.m.
110 HPER Vicki

Aqua Lunch
Noon to 12:45 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Rickbox Mix
12:10 to 1 p.m.
110 HPER Chris

Muscle Conditioning
4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
110 HPER Larry

Step 'n' Tone
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
110 HPER Lily

Thursday

Rickbox Mix
7:45 to 8:50 a.m.
110 HPER Larry

W.E.T.
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Basic Training
7:50 to 8:50 p.m.
250 HPER Janine

Friday

W.E.T.
Noon to 12:45 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Circuit Interval
12:10 to 1 p.m.
110 HPER Chris

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